

Now, that same lesson must carry over into our subsequent conversations about government funding. Democrats must be ready to actually fund the national defense, which this bipartisan NDAA authorizes.

Just like on this bill, neither party has any standing to demand unrelated goodies in exchange for doing our job and funding defense. And let's hope this new acceptance of reality also helps shape President Biden's next defense budget request. We have yet to see a proposed budget from this administration that takes growing threats very seriously.

Why do bipartisan majorities in Congress keep having to force this Commander in Chief to adequately resource our Armed Forces?

Today is December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. No American wants us to ever receive another painful reminder like December 7 or September 11 of the painful price we pay when we let our guard down, soften our defenses, or diminish our worldwide presence.

This strong NDAA is one important step in keeping our guard up. But only one. We need to put it on the President's desk quickly and then stay equally serious on this subject.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES M. INHOFE

Madam President, now, on a related matter, the annual defense bill I just discussed will carry the name of one of our most senior and distinguished colleagues this year—the outstanding Armed Services Committee ranking member to whose career it will provide the perfect capstone.

Senator JIM INHOFE's often soft-spoken manner and unflinching humility are a pair of traits that have combined to produce one of the most effective legislators I have ever had the privilege of working with.

At the same time, over the same one career, JIM's name has come to me in both steady, solid, conservative constancy here at home and relentless energy as a globetrotter dealmaker. The mixture has left his home State, our entire Nation, and faraway lands all changed for the better.

The roots of JIM's conservative bonafides aren't hard to trace. In fact, the story of his entry into politics is a familiar one for millions of Americans.

There was honorable military service. There was hard work and success as a small businessman in his hometown of Tulsa. And then there were the inevitable headaches of having your can-do, entrepreneurial dreams bogged down in bureaucracy and regulation. JIM knew it shouldn't be that way, so he threw his own hat into the ring.

JIM's fashion for harnessing American energy was obvious pretty early on as well. Apparently, even while he was a student at the University of Colorado, JIM got together with some classmate and filed a claim on uranium deposits discovered nearby.

This is a man who seems to have been born with a built-in turboprop.

Our friend has an insatiable drive to discover and get things done. Short stints and bouncing around were how a busy young JIM INHOFE worked his way to a college degree—by way of nine different schools. It is also how this seasoned aviator circumnavigated the globe.

JIM's conservative convictions and his boundless, problem-solving energy might have seemed to be on a collision course; but, instead, they had proven the perfect harmony: from the State Capitol, where JIM earned the trust of his Oklahoma Senate colleagues and served in the thankless role of minority leader, to a gubernatorial campaign, during which he reportedly lost 57 pounds, to the 1994 Senate race, where our friend clawed his way back from 32 points down in the polls to win back a seat Republicans had only held 6 of the last 45 years, to the 5 more landslide reelections that followed.

You would be forgiven if you assumed that such a successful elected official might have made some major compromises along the way. But you don't become famous for flying planes upside down without a strong internal compass that stays fixed on true north.

Our friend knows that faith can move mountains. And JAMES "Mountain" INHOFE has himself been moved to incredible achievements by his love of God, love of country, and love of neighbor.

Don't get me wrong. JIM knows how to twist the screws to get things done: like landing generational investments in transportation infrastructure across Oklahoma and the heartland; or protecting American energy dominance, by pioneering and then protecting the new technologies and methods that have ushered in a whole new era of prosperity and independence for our country; or strengthening and modernizing our Armed Forces by leading the must-pass NDAA across the finish line.

JIM's done it all. But in a city where a lot of people treat friendships and relationships as means to desired ends, JIM has always viewed genuine relationships as noble ends in themselves. Just take it from our Democratic colleague from Rhode Island. Senator WHITEHOUSE once had to admit that JIM simultaneously was his "worst foe" and his "key ally"; or consider the many years JIM has devoted to deep partnerships with leaders in Africa. By all accounts, JIM's engagement began not with lobbying a particular issue or advancing a particular administration's priorities. Our friend has never been anyone's tool or puppet. JIM formed deep, genuine, personal bonds with fellow legislators and leaders in Africa just because he felt drawn to do so.

But as always happens with JIM, where relationships started, big results followed. JIM's trusted status as a senior statesman and stable counselor had Secretaries of State, Secretaries of Defense, and Ambassadors seeking his sage advice.

Just a few years ago, as I understand it, JIM was called upon to help ease an extremely tense and acrimonious political standoff between rival leaders in Kenya. Of course, he had known both men for years. And when the opportunity arose during the country's National Prayer Breakfast, JIM took a moment of personal privilege after praying an invocation and got the two men to literally hug each other in front of the cameras and their countrymen. It made international news.

So you get the picture: Relationships matter. But with JIM, two relationships matter most of all: the one with his God and the one with his beloved Kay.

JIM and Kay have been married for 63 years. And anyone who has spent any time around JIM knows what happens when his beloved bride calls him up. It doesn't matter if you are the President of Kenya or the President of the United States, your conversation is politely put on hold. The woman JIM calls "his rock" always comes first.

Over the last half century, JIM INHOFE's devotion to his country, his fellow Oklahomans, and his conservative principles have produced a mountain of a legacy. But I know his most cherished peak is his and Kay's mutual love and devotion and the legacy that relationship has produced; namely, Perry, Katy, Molly, and Jim, who have in turn grown the Inhofe clan by, I believe, 16 grandchildren.

Our dear friend has given generously to his country. He has more than earned some extra time with those he loves most. So JIM, thank you. Thank you for your exemplary service.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LUJÁN). The majority whip.

UKRAINE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it has been nearly 10 months—10 months since that cold, dark morning when I was in the departure lounge at the main airport in Vilnius, Lithuania, with my colleague Senator CHRIS COONS. We watched on television as Russia attempted to seize another sovereign country in the heart of Europe. I will never forget those early scenes of Putin's horror unleashed on Ukraine.

My friends in Lithuania, who remember Soviet oppression all too well, had warned of Russia's potential strike again in Ukraine, in Europe, and beyond.

Years earlier, I had seen firsthand the seizure of Georgian land by the Russian military in 2008. In 2014, my friend and fellow colleague the late Senator John McCain and I, with a group of Senators, paid tribute to those slain in Kyiv's Maidan Square just as Russia had seized Crimea and was looking to forcibly take other areas of eastern Ukraine.

But Putin and his henchmen failed miserably at understanding Ukraine and understanding their resolve to halt him and his brutality. His initial ploy to quickly topple Ukraine's democratic

government and replace it with a puppet failed immediately. And other Russian military advances in eastern and southern Ukraine have been rolled back time and again.

In fact, Ukraine's military has reclaimed hundreds of villages and more than a thousand square miles of territory—good for them. Quite simply, despite the horrific violence unleashed by Putin, the Ukrainian people have prevailed. Their courage and their sacrifice is inspiring.

And the world has rallied to Ukraine's side, leaving Russia isolated—should be embarrassed—and in retreat of Putin's folly.

Yesterday, I met with our Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas Greenfield. We are lucky to have her. She is truly a skillful, experienced, and talented person.

She reminded me earlier this year, more than 140 U.N. member states voted overwhelmingly in support of a resolution that deplored in the strongest terms Putin's aggression.

It also affirmed the international community's commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Only five Nations dissented—they are the world's worst dictatorships—aligning with Putin to vote against the measure at the United Nations. A reminder that Vladimir Putin has utterly failed in pursuing his twisted nostalgia for Soviet tyranny.

And the NATO alliance has held firm in its strong support to Ukraine—this administration included—providing weapons to help them defend their nation. More than 34 other nations joined us. The United States and several key allies have imposed sanctions on nearly 8,400 Russian oligarchs and their families, 1,500 Russian entities, and 100 Russian vessels. The nations of the free world understand that Ukraine is, in fact, our common frontline in the battle for freedom in this world.

President Biden, too, with Secretaries Blinken and Austin, has rallied unprecedented international support. Other nations clearly understand what is at stake. The struggle for the rule of law over the rule of chaos and brute force, that is what is at stake.

And now it is time for the United States and the rest of the free world to continue to lift up our support.

It can be easy to get impatient, even despair, as Ukraine faces continued Russian bombardment of civilian targets and, in many cases, war crimes specifically designed to terrorize civilian populations.

I would like to show you a recent photo. It shows the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk. He is speaking to defenders in Kyiv in an underground shelter during a recent air strike.

Another of a child here hauntingly looking at a damaged school. He is dressed for school. The building has been destroyed by Vladimir Putin.

Ukrainian civil servants are working around the clock to restore access to

electricity, water, and heat to allow hospitals and schools to function.

The continued unified support and military assistance of NATO is invaluable, and this Congress has been unified in providing this aid.

Make no mistake, Russia is losing the war in Ukraine. Its leaders now are trying to break the will of the Ukrainian people.

As an amateur student of history, I know that the winter has often been a defense for the people of Russia. Napoleon's advance of his troops on Moscow was stymied by the coldest winter imaginable. They said it was so cold that the birds fell from the sky. And we remember well what the Nazis faced when they invaded Russia in a bitter winter that was also a defense for the Russian people.

Vladimir Putin has turned the tables and, sadly, is using winter as a weapon of war against common Ukrainian people—mothers, fathers, and children.

I want to conclude by showing this one photo because it tells such a story. These are members of the Ukrainian National Philharmonic orchestra, performing in a darkened theater in Kyiv on Tuesday, lit only by battery-powered lanterns. It says it all about the resilience of the Ukrainian people.

Russia will fail.

Slava Ukraini.

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT LISTING ACT

Mr. President, Congress has some big decisions to make in just 2 or 3 weeks. The continuing resolution which funds our government is about to expire. One of those decisions will be whether to include important measures to ensure the Food and Drug Administration fulfills its public health mission.

You see, when we passed the last CR in September, we reauthorized the user fees that are necessary to fund this critical Agency. However, the package did not include commonsense changes in the law—bipartisan changes—that really would make FDA a more effective Agency, so we continue to pursue them this month.

One of those measures was the Dietary Supplement Listing Act, a bipartisan bill that Senator BRAUN of Indiana and I introduced in April.

More than 75 percent of people living in America, myself included—my family too—use a dietary supplement such as a vitamin or a mineral. However, many assume, when reaching for that supplement bottle in the medicine cabinet, that the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Government knows what is in that bottle and knows that it is for sale. That is not always the case.

Dietary supplement companies are not required to disclose to the Food and Drug Administration the ingredients in their products. Let me repeat that. Dietary supplement companies are not required by the Food and Drug Administration to disclose the ingredients in their products. They aren't even required to register that their products are for sale in the United States. An obvious problem exists.

How can the FDA really regulate this market for the safety of American consumers when it doesn't know what is on the market? It can't. It is impossible. So the legislation I have with Republican Senator BRAUN would require supplement companies to tell the FDA what products they put on the shelf and what is in them—just that basic. It is a simple fix that would improve the safety of the supplement market, and it would basically enhance quality companies selling quality dietary supplements. Others might be penalized by this; good companies would not.

I am glad this legislation received an endorsement from the Council for Responsible Nutrition, one of the largest supplement trade associations in our Nation. They are speaking for the good guys.

I want to emphasize that this is not a partisan idea. Polls show that 9 out of 10 Americans believe that manufacturers should be required to list their products and their ingredients. Ninety percent of Americans believe it.

In October, Scott Gottlieb and Mark McClellan, two Republican FDA Commissioners under Republican administrations, wrote that our legislation represents “a once-in-a-generation reform.” They concluded their article and said:

Congress should seize this opportunity to achieve long-awaited reforms that modernize FDA's regulation, promote innovation, and provide consumers greater assurance that the products they use are safe and reliable.

I understand that some oppose the inclusion of my bipartisan legislation in the yearend package. I am willing to work with any of them to overcome their resistance or to take their suggestions very seriously, but let's not move this package to fund the FDA and miss this opportunity. Consumers have waited long enough. The FDA needs to know what supplements are on the market and what their ingredients are to protect consumers. That is a bare minimum.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. President, yesterday—the day before yesterday, it was reported that two of our colleagues, Senators SINEMA and TILLIS, are working together on a potential immigration package. Although I want to know more details about what they are considering, I want to thank them for showing this kind of initiative on this important issue.

I believe we must pass immigration reform legislation before the end of the year, and the Members of the Senate shouldn't leave for home for the holidays until we take a vote to reform our broken immigration system.

Now, I know some people at home may be wondering why. What is the urgency? Why do it now? Well, we, first, may have an opportunity, and I hope we do, but it could be the last opportunity for a long time.

It has been more than 35 years since Congress has enacted a bill to reform our immigration system. With all of